

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (canceled):

Claim 9 (currently amended): A nutritionally complete pet food comprising a photoprotecting effective amount of 1) at least one probiotic lactic acid bacterium or a culture supernatant thereof, and 2) at least one yeast, and 3) at least one carotenoid and or derivatives thereof, included in an ingestible carrier.

Claims 10-29 (canceled):

Claim 30 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the lactic acid bacterium is selected from the group consisting of Lactobacilli, Bifidobacteria and combinations thereof.

Claim 31 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the lactic acid bacterium is selected from the group consisting of *Lactobacillus johnsonii*, *Lactobacillus reuteri*, *Lactobacillus rhamnosus*, *Lactobacillus paracasei*, *Lactobacillus casei* or *Bifidobacterium bifidum*, *Bifidobacterium breve*, *Bifidobacterium longum*, *Bifidobacterium animalis*, *Bifidobacterium infantis*, *Bifidobacterium adolescentis*, *Bifidobacterium pseudocatenulatum* and combinations thereof.

Claim 32 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the lactic acid bacterium is selected from the group consisting of CNCM I-1225, CNCM I-2116, CNCM I-2168, CNCM I-2170 and combinations thereof.

Claim 33 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the probiotic lactic acid bacterium is included in the carrier in a form selected from the group consisting of live form, semi-active, deactivated form and combinations thereof.

Claim 34 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the yeast is selected from the group consisting of *Debaryomyces*, *Kluyveromyces*, *Saccharomyces*, *Yarrowia*, *Zygosaccharomyces*, *Candida*, *Rhodotorula* and combinations thereof.

Claim 35 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the yeast is *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Claim 36 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the lactic acid bacterium is present in an amount from about  $10^5$  to  $10^{15}$  cfu/ g of the carrier.

Claim 37 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the yeast is present in an amount from about  $10^5$  to  $10^{15}$  cfu/ g of the carrier.

Claim 38 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the probiotic lactic acid bacterium is included into the carrier as a lyophilized powder.

Claim 39 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the carotenoid is selected from the group consisting of  $\beta$ -carotene,  $\gamma$ -carotene,  $\alpha$ -carotene, lycopene, zeaxanthine, luteine and combinations thereof.

Claim 40 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the carotenoid is present in the carrier in an amount from about  $10^{-12}\%$  to 20% by weight.

Claim 41 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein pet food is in a form selected from the group consisting of powder, dry, treat, wet, chilled, shelf-stable and combinations thereof.

Claim 42 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein pet food further comprises a starch source, a protein source and a lipid source.

Claim 43 (new): The pet food of Claim 42, wherein the starch source is selected from the group consisting of grains, legumes, corn, rice, wheat, barley, oats, soy and combinations thereof.

Claim 44 (new): The pet food of Claim 42, wherein the protein source is selected from the group consisting of animal protein, vegetable protein, meat, poultry meal, fish meal, soy protein concentrates, milk proteins, gluten and combinations thereof.

Claim 45 (new): The pet food of Claim 42, wherein the lipid source is selected from the group consisting of meats, animal fats, vegetable fats and combinations thereof.

Claim 46 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the pet food further comprises a component selected from the group consisting of a prebiotic, a long chain fatty acid and combinations thereof.

Claim 47 (new): The pet food of Claim 46, wherein the long chain fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of linoleic acid, alpha-linolenic acid, gamma linolenic acid, eicosapentanoic acid, docosahexanoic acid and combinations thereof.

Claim 48 (new): The pet food of Claim 9, wherein the pet food further comprises a component selected from the group consisting of minerals, vitamins, sugar, salt, spices, seasonings, flavouring agents and combinations thereof.